

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING
OF
DREWSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL
Drewsteignton Village Hall
On
Monday 16th November 2009

Present: Cllrs Savage (Chairman), Mudge (Vice), Chadney, Ridgers, Hardie, Hester, Dyke, Power and the Clerk

Apologies: Cllr Gosnay.

In attendance: 2 members of the public

154.09 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Cllr Mudge proposed and Cllr Hester seconded the minutes of the meeting of the 13th October 2009.

ACTION

155.09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman reminded the Cllrs present of the need to declare any personal or prejudicial interests in respect of any items included on the Agenda. Cllr Power declared an interest in the Planning matter in respect of Tordown Farm Venton.

156.09 MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Hester gave a report on the public meeting held at Whiddon Down to discuss the possible closure of Turnpike Road. Various options were discussed in respect of sources of finance. It was agreed that Cllr Ridgers would enquire with WDBC, Cllr Savage would enquire with Cllr McInnes and the Clerk would enquire with Devon and Cornwall Constabulary and the Public Loans Board.

Cllr
Ridgers/
Savage
Clerk

John Packer had confirmed that he would not be attending the November Parish Council meeting as there was nothing extra to report at the current time but anticipated attending either the December or January meeting with amended plans for Lamb Park.

Cllrs were not happy with the decision made by the Planning Inspectorate for Martins Park Whiddon Down. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Government Ombudsman about the Planning Inspectorate stating the Parish Councils objections.

Clerk

No response has been received from Parishioners in respect of the possible closure of the telephone kiosk at Sandy Park. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not object to the removal of the kiosk.

157.09 HIGHWAYS

Devon County Council have undertaken a speed survey on the road into Drewsteignton from Castle Drogo. The results have been sent to the Parish Council. The Clerk to write to Peter Clements to inform him that the fastest speed of a vehicle entering the village was 36.4mph and only 3 vehicles driving between 40 and 45 mph leaving the village. The Clerk to write to Joe Deasey Highways Engineer asking if he could cast his expert eye over the results to see if there are measures which could be undertaken to assist with the reduction of the speed further.

Clerk

Cllrs were reminded that the Parish Lengthsman had already visited the area. No further jobs were found to be outstanding at the current time. The Parish Lengthsman's visits have been reduced due to the significant overspend by DCC in the last financial year.

The manhole cover at Venton is still not replaced and the layby at Venton has not yet been cut back. The tarmac at Couples Corner Fingle Bridge is deteriorating. Clerk to inform South West Highways.

Clerk

Cllr Hester raised concerns about the number of posters and signs appearing along the highway. Cllr Hester agreed to write a piece for the parish post.

Cllr
Hester

158.09 PLANNING

DNPA 0457/09 Bowbeer Farm Drewsteignton. This application was in respect of the erection of a general purpose agricultural storage shed. Cllrs agreed to support this case as applicant able to store feed for cattle retained due to TB.

Clerk

Clerk to inform relevant authority.

Decisions received;

DNPA 0437/09 Harepath Farm Drewsteignton granted.

DNPA 0342/09 Furlong House Chagford granted.

DNPA 0457/09 Briar House, Crockernwell granted.

DNPA 0276/09 Affordable Homes Drewsteignton refused.

An appeal has been lodged in respect of application at Cuma Court Drewsteignton. Cllrs agreed that Clerk should write to the Planning Inspectorate stating that the Council supported the original

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application and agree that the temporary application should remain provided it is demolished when the building work is complete. ACTION

A planning application was received in respect of change of use at Tordown Venton. A public meeting to discuss this application would be held on Saturday 28th November 2009 at 9.30am at Tordown Venton. All Cllrs

159.09 FINANCE

Cllr Mudge proposed and Cllr Dyke seconded the following payments to be made;

Mrs J Bowden – Clerk's Salary £314.16

Mrs J Bowden – Clerk's Expenses £31.20

Whiddon Down Village Hall – Hire of Hall £9

Mr M Rowe – WC Cleaning £73.50

Mrs P Rowe – Parish Post £16.70

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Drewsteignton PCC – Church Clock Repairs £250

Drewsteignton Village Hall – Hire of Hall £8

Mr S Carter – Car Park grass cutting £525

An initial budget for the precept year 2010/11 was prepared by the Clerk for discussion. It was agreed that the Councillors would give further thought to the precept which was likely to have to increase by over inflation to maintain the status quo. No provision had been made for any costs at Turnpike Road. It was agreed to discuss the budget at the December meeting when further information would be available in respect of possible funding for Turnpike Road. All Cllrs

160.09 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence has been received from;

WDBC in respect of the Flood preparation and new initiatives. It was agreed to ask Barry Colton if he would act as Flood Liaison person for the Parish. Clerk to ask. Clerk

Devon County Council in respect of the Part lighting policy. It was agreed the Clerk would reply stating that the Cllrs feel that the majority of the Parish would fall within the part lighting policy, and felt that Whiddon Down A382 through the village with the exception of the Service Station area could also be included. Clerk

Burrator Parish Council have written with a copy of their letter addressed to DNPA. A letter was also received from DNPA stating that the Parish Council would be able to participate at meetings of the Authority, Audit & Governance and Standards Committee and Development Management Committee. The time allocated would be limited to 3 minutes or such longer periods as the Chairman may permit. Burrator Parish Council would like more flexibility in the allocated time. It was agreed to respond to Burrator in support of their application and also to write to DNPA stating the Cllrs agreed with Burrator's views. Clerk

DNPA – DNPA Forum

West Devon Community and Voluntary Service. It was agreed to ask them to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting in April 2009. Clerk

WDBC – Amendments to register of interests. Cllr Chadney agreed to update his details.

DCC with an invitation to meet leader of DCC Wednesday 18 November. No Cllrs wished to attend.

Empowering Communities in Devon conference Wednesday 25th November. No Cllrs wished to attend.

DAPC – Ballot for vacancy on County Committee. Cllrs agreed to vote for Nick Morgan and Wren Harper. Clerk

161.09 VILLAGE SETTLEMENT BOUNDARIES

Cllr Hester raised concerns that Moorlands Bungalow Whiddon Down was considered to be within the settlement of Whiddon Down whereas Southcott Whiddon Down was outside the settlement. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Mr France of DNPA requesting boundary drawings clarifying the boundaries. Clerk

162.09 DELEGATES REPORTS

Cllr Gosnay had previously requested that thought be given to the website, with maybe the activities held in Whiddon Down Village Hall, local activities to be included. Cllrs to give this further thought. All Cllrs

163.09 PARISH POST

Nothing to report

164.09 PARISH PLAN

This is an ongoing project and Cllrs were encouraged to address any issues which could be resolved quickly

165.09 DREWSTEIGNTON CAR PARK

Cllr Mudge reported that a foreign visitor had taken up residence in the Car Park over a few days. They have now moved on.

166.09 COMMENTS ON INFORMATION CIRCULATED

None.

167.09 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Inspector Hammond – December

John Packer - January

168.09 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 15 December at 7.30pm at Drewsteignton

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.35pm.